

Getting it right

- **GOALS & GUIDELINES:**
- **ICEBREAKER: Tell us about the time you did something stupid...**
- **AGREEMENT PRAYER**
- **PRAISE**
- **EDIFICATION:** Read Scripture - [VIDEO – Get it right]

"You've been with me all this time, Philip, and you still don't understand?" (Thomas) "If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well."

It's amazing how we have the ability to get it wrong. We can have the answer staring us right in the face... and totally miss it. The disciples had walked with Jesus for over a year, they had heard his teaching, seen the miracles, even had the miracles work through their own hands... yet they didn't "get it." EVERYTHING Jesus did was to show them... reveal to them... His true Divine identity and bring to light the will of the Father. In John 14 – They didn't get it.

#1 What was the problem? Why couldn't they comprehend?

[The Disciples were thinking in carnal terms. Jesus – beyond physical Spiritual]

[They were jockeying for position in what they thought was an earthly kingdom]

Do we have trouble getting it right sometimes? Absolutely! We too stare the truth right and the face and don't recognize it.

#2 Share a time God revealed something to you that you didn't fully understand.

A lot of the time, Religion doesn't get it right. It goes haywire when it focuses on things other than Christ. Paul spoke of this in Colossians 2. He told the church to continue in Christ, not being captivated by vain, hollow, deceptive philosophies based on human traditions and worldly principles.

#3 Does Religion get it right? How so?

If we focus on man-made church traditions we lose site of the works of Grace, Mercy, Love... But if we focus on Christ. Paul gives a simple way to get it right. 'You received Christ. Continue in Him. Live Him.' Having Christ is getting it right... Continuing is keeping it right. This starts on the inside and works it way outward.

This changes everything. Next time temptation comes you do not have a decision to make. You don't have to decide whether or not you'll give in. You have already made this decision... You decided Christ way back at your conversion. With repentance you DECIDED to turn away from a sinful past and a sinful future! No new decision is needed... just continue Living Christ.

You've made the decision... now manage the decision. This concept can simplify your entire life and save you time after time from being blindsided by temptation. Also.. how can a hypocrite survive in these conditions.

#4 Tell us about a time you know you got it right.

Jesus told Thomas "If you really knew me" and Philip he told "Have I been with you all this time and you still don't understand?"

We have the account where Thomas finally "gets it." It's when Jesus revealed Himself... scars and all. Before this revelation, Thomas thought about a physical kingdom and Jesus as a physical human. Before the revelation he didn't believe Jesus had risen... But when Christ appears and speaks directly to him the greatest revelation of all takes place. Thomas calls Jesus his Master/Lord and his God.

#5 What's something we can do as individuals and as a small group to "Get it Right."

Vision: Let's really live Christ. Watch for the vid this week. Stay focused. **Wrap up & PRAYER**

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John 14:5-10 (The Message)

5Thomas said, "Master, we have no idea where you're going. How do you expect us to know the road?"

6-7Jesus said, "I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him. You've even seen him!"

8Philip said, "Master, show us the Father; then we'll be content."

9-10"You've been with me all this time, Philip, and you still don't understand? To see me is to see the Father. So how can you ask, 'Where is the Father?' Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you aren't mere words. I don't just make them up on my own. The Father who resides in me crafts each word into a divine act.

Psalm 51:10

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Colossians 2:6-10 (The Message)

6-7My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now live him. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.

8-10Watch out for people who try to dazzle you with big words and intellectual double-talk. They want to drag you off into endless arguments that never amount to anything. They spread their ideas through the empty traditions of human beings and the empty superstitions of spirit beings. But that's not the way of Christ. Everything of God gets expressed in him, so you can see and hear him clearly. You don't need a telescope, a microscope, or a horoscope to realize the fullness of Christ, and the emptiness of the universe without him. When you come to him, that fullness comes together for you, too. His power extends over everything.

Colossians 2:6-10 (NIV)

6So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him,

7rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

8See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

9For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

John 20:24-31 (The Message)

24-25But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master."

But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."

26Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you."

27Then he focused his attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe."

28Thomas said, "My Master! My God!"

29Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing."

30-31Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.